

STATE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEWS

The State of Michigan employs over 48,000 employees with diverse skills to serve the citizens of Michigan. We focus on our roads, agriculture, the environment, healthcare, education, public safety, public welfare, businesses, our economy, and much more. The following provides an overview of the role of each state department:



The **Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD)** works to assure food safety, protect animal and plant health, sustain environmental stewardship, provide consumer protection, enable rural development and foster efficient administration operations through service, partnership and collaboration.



The **Michigan Attorney General** is the top lawyer for the State of Michigan. When public legal matters arise, the Attorney General's Office renders opinions on matters of law, and provides legal counsel for the legislature and for each officer, department, board, and commission of state government. The Attorney General's Office provides legal representation in court actions and assists in the conduct of official hearings held by state agencies.



The **Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR)**, investigates and resolves discrimination complaints and works to prevent discrimination through educational programs that promote voluntary compliance with civil rights laws.



The **Michigan Civil Service Commission (MCSC)** is a bipartisan commission that regulates conditions of employment for classified civil service workers in all of the departments of the executive branch of state government.



The **Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC)** administers Michigan's adult prison, probation, and parole systems. The department has jurisdiction over all adults convicted of felonies who are sentenced to prison. Convicted felons who are not sentenced to prison terms are either sentenced to a county jail term or are supervised in the community through a system called probation. Probation services for felons are provided by the department for the various felony courts in Michigan.



The **Michigan Department of Education (MDE)**, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, carries out the policies of the State Board of Education. The department implements federal and state legislative mandates in education.



The **Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)** promotes wise management of Michigan's air, land, and water resources to support a sustainable environment, healthy communities, and vibrant economy..



The **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)** strives to promote better health outcomes, reduce health risks, and support stable and safe families while encouraging self-sufficiency.



The **Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS)** is responsible for regulating Michigan's financial industries, including banks, credit unions, insurance, mortgage companies, and other consumer finance lenders.



The **Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)** supports business growth and job creation while safeguarding Michigan's citizens through a simple, fair, efficient and transparent regulatory structure.



The **Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA)**, also known as the state military establishment, executes the duties laid down by various statutes and the governor, administers state-supported veterans programming, and assists both state and federal authorities through military preparedness. The Michigan Army and Air National Guard constitute the armed forces of the state and serve under the orders of the governor as commander-in-chief.



The **Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.



The **Michigan Department of State (SOS)** is the oldest department of Michigan state government and is administered by the secretary of state. The department serves the citizens of Michigan with programs designed to administer driver and vehicle systems, enhance traffic safety, protect consumers, ensure integrity of records maintained and oversee the statewide elections process.



The **Michigan State Police (MSP)** provides 24-hour statewide law enforcement and public safety services throughout Michigan. Its primary responsibilities are to reduce the opportunities for crime, reduce traffic accidents through diligent and fair enforcement of the law, and act as a first responder to any citizen's needs that can be addressed through the resources of the criminal justice system.



The **Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO)** provides the connections, expertise and innovative solutions to drive continued business growth, build vibrant communities, create affordable housing, generate tourism and attract and retain key talent to fill Michigan's vast pipeline of opportunities.



The **Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB)** promotes a unified approach to information technology management and provides centralized administration of services including auditing, budgeting, employee resources, financial services, fleet management, mail, printing, property management, purchasing, records management, and retirement services for departments and agencies in the executive branch of state government.



The **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)** is responsible for Michigan's 9,669-mile state highway system, comprised of all M, I and US routes. MDOT also administers other state and federal transportation programs for aviation, intercity passenger services, rail freight, local public transit services, the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), and others.



The **Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury)** is responsible for collecting, disbursing, and investing all state monies. The department advises the Governor on all tax and revenue policy, collects and administers over \$20 billion a year in state taxes, and safeguards the credit of the state. The department is also responsible for the fiscal health of Michigan's local governments and schools.